

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2013 Regular Session
April 17, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stephen F. Carter, Chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 12:59 p.m. in Room 1, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Stephen F. Carter, Chairman
Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Henry L. Burns
Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.
Representative John Bel Edwards
Representative Cameron Henry
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson, Vice Chairman
Representative Nancy Landry
Representative Edward J. Price
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative Robert E. Shadoin
Representative Jeff R. Thompson
Representative Alfred C. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Wesley T. Bishop
Representative Simone B. Champagne
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth L. Borné, Legislative Analyst
Nancy Y. Jolly, Legislative Analyst
Jacqueline Snowden, Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 155 by Representative Cox**

Representative Cox presented House Bill No. 155, which provides relative to school safety, security, and crisis.

Representative Carter offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 155. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Carmody, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Smith, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

House Bill No. 79 by Representative Hensgens

Representative Hensgens presented House Bill No. 79, which provides relative to school crisis management and response plans. Representative Cox also presented highlights of the bill.

Representative Price offered a set of amendments to place the bill in its proper posture for discussion. Representative Price offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Carmody, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Smith, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Presenting information was Mr. Francis Touchet, representing the state Department of Education.

Testifying in support of House Bill No. 79 were Ms. Mary-Patricia Wray, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9632 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 923-1037, and Ms. Joyce Haynes, representing the Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 946-1827. Also supporting the bill but did not wish to speak were persons who signed the attached witness cards.

Representative Price offered a set of amendments that would add language relative to the public records law. Representative Price offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Broadwater, Carmody, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to report House Bill No. 79 by substitute. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Broadwater, Carmody, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Smith, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

House Bill No. 612 by Representative Greene

Representative Greene presented House Bill No. 612, which permits use of TOPS awards at eligible La. institutions by otherwise qualified students who graduated from out-of-state colleges or universities.

Providing information only was Mr. George Eldredge, representing the Office of Student Financial Assistance, 602 N. 5th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-7668.

Representative Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 612 favorably, to which Representative Smith objected. The secretary called the roll and the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Carter, Broadwater, Carmody, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Richard, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea. Representatives Price and Smith voted nay.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 16 by Representative Pope

Representative Pope presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 16, which requests that the Board of Regents, in consultation with the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, study the feasibility of offering community college services in Livingston Parish.

Supporting the resolution but not wishing to speak was Mr. Lee Faucette, representing the Louisiana Association of School Executives, Box 40217, Baton Rouge, LA 70835-0217, (225) 261-5560.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 16 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Broadwater, Carmody, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

House Bill No. 243 by Representative Carter

Representative Carter presented House Bill No. 243, which provides relative to the eligibility of certain students who graduate from certain out-of-state or out-of-country high schools to receive a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award.

Providing information only was Mr. George Eldredge, representing the Office of Student Financial Assistance, 602 N. 5th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-7668.

Amendments to this bill were previously adopted at the April 11, 2013, meeting and provided as follows:

1. Relative to eligibility under proposed law, changes the school year during or after which a student shall have graduated from 2010-2011 to 2009-2010.

Representative Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 243 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Henry Burns, Carmody, Edwards, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

House Bill No. 207 by Representative Carmody

Representative Carmody presented House Bill No. 207, which authorizes each public postsecondary education management board to name a building at an institution under its supervision and management in honor of a living person.

Representative Carmody was accompanied by Mr. Kevin Flood, representing the LSU Health Sciences Foundation, 920 Piedmont Rd., #507, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 861-0865.

Supporting the bill but not wishing to speak was Ms. Markey Pierre, representing the LSU Health Sciences Shreveport Foundation, 401 Market, Ste. 550, Shreveport, LA 71101, (318) 675-0116.

Available to provide information only was Mr. James R. "Jimmy" Sawtelle III, representing the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, 265 S. Foster Dr., Baton Rouge, la 70806, (225) 922-2800.

Representative Carmody offered a set of amendments to the bill. The amendments were technical. Representative Carmody offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Henry Burns, Carmody, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Representative Thompson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 207 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

House Bill No. 224 by Representative Hollis

Representative Hollis presented House Bill No. 224, which provides for the removal of a school bus driver for violations of certain offenses relative to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, under specified circumstances.

Representative Thompson offered a set of amendments to the bill that provide as follows:

1. Adds that proposed law also shall apply to school bus operators who plead nolo contendere to the violations specified in propose law.

Representative Thompson offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Supporting the legislation but not wishing to speak were Ms. Markey Pierre, representing the LSU Health Sciences Shreveport Foundation, 401 Market, Ste. 550, Shreveport, LA 71101, (318) 675-0116 and Mr. Dannie P. Garrett III, representing the Louisiana School Boards Association, 445 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 325-8709.

Representative Hollis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 224 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, Chairman
House Committee on Education